

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorably reconsideration of this application.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter within Claims 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7.

Claims 1, 5, 8 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Monma (US 6,211,830). Applicants respectfully traverse.

Claim 1 is directed to portable radio equipment and recites, *inter alia*, "at least two transmitting/receiving antennas (1, 2, 11) different in direction of main polarization from each other" and "a power distributor (5) coupling each said antenna to said radio unit such that said at least two transmitting/receiving antennas operate simultaneously and weighting distribution amounts of power being dealt by the respective antennas." Applicants respectfully submit that Monma fails to teach or suggest these features.

Monma discloses a radio set including a transceiver unit 208, an antenna position detecting unit 241, a feeder line 206, including contact 231 and coupled to switch 211, and an antenna unit 210 including "a helical antenna 209 and a whip antenna 202 which are electrically insulated from one another" (Col. 10:63–65). When the antenna unit 210 is in an extended position, as shown in FIG. 3, Monma teaches that only the whip antenna 202 is connected to the transceiver unit 208 through contact 231, feeder line 206 and switch 211. *See*, Col. 11:6–15. Conversely, when the antenna unit 210 is in a contracted position, as shown in FIG. 4, Monma teaches that only the helical antenna 209 is connected to the transceiver unit 208 through contact 231, feeder line 206 and switch 211. *See*, Col. 11:30–41. Thus, Monma discloses that only one antenna is connected to the transceiver unit 208 at any time.

Accordingly, Monma fails to disclose a power distributor that couples at least two transmitting/receiving antennas to the radio unit such that the antennas operate simultaneously and weights distribution amounts of power being dealt by the respective antennas, as recited by Claim 1. Moreover, Applicants submit that none of the remaining references, taken either singly or in combination, teaches or suggests all of the features recited by Claim 1.

Accordingly, Claim 1 is allowable over the cited references. Claims 5, 8 and 9, depending from Claim 1, are also allowable, at least for the reasons discussed above.

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and should now be passed to issue.

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

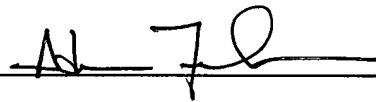
If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayments that may be required by this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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